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**TOURISTS AND TERROR THREATS FLOCK TO NEW YORK CITY...
BUT FUNDING GOES TO MINOR LEAGUE TOWNS
Fed Cuts High Threat Funding For New York City**

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A great deal of attention has been paid to how illogical the formula for the Homeland Security Block Grant program is, and those problems still hold true.

- Under this program, 0.75 percent of the pot is allocated to each state, accounting for 40% of the pot. The remaining 60% is allocated based on population.
- Under this formula, NY received \$5.47 per capita in FY04 grants. Wyoming received \$38.31 per capita.
- We are distributing \$2.2 billion from the homeland security block grant this year without any consideration of where the actual threats exist.

But the saving grace for New York City was supposed to be the High Threat, High Density Urban Area grant program. Unfortunately, due to a recent decision by the Bush Administration, New York is being shortchanged by that program too. Since April of 2003, the Bush Administration's Department of Homeland Security has increased the number of cities receiving funding under the High Threat High Density Urban Area Grants from 7 to 50. As a result, New York City has seen its share of the funding from this account drop from 25% of total funding to around 6%.

As a result, while tourists and terror threats flock to New York City, anti-terror funding is flowing to minor league towns like Fresno, St. Paul and Louisville.

To address this problem, Rep. Weiner will introduce the Targeting Homeland security Resources Effectively Against Terrorism Act (THREAT Act). This bill would ensure that "high threat" funding goes to high threat areas in the following ways.

- The bill would cap the number of High Threat cities at 15, down from the current number of 50. The mid-size cities would still receive funding from the \$2.2 billion block grant.
- The bill would provide High Threat grants directly to cities. Under the current law, High Threat grants are awarded to the states and then passed through to the High Threat Cities, and the states keep 20% of the funding.
- The bill would require that “credible threat” and “critical infrastructure” are the primary factors when determining funding allocations. It would also require that the population take into account tourists and commuters.

**TABLE 1: URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE
FY '04 ALLOCATIONS**

High Threat Funding for Urban Areas

<u>Original cities, identified in April:</u> cities:	Funding:	Number of eligible
New York, NY	\$47,007,064	7
Chicago, IL	\$34,142,222	
Washington/NCR	\$29,301,502	
Los Angeles, CA	\$28,268,504	
San Francisco, CA	\$26,481,275	
Houston, TX	\$19,955,485	
Seattle, WA	\$16,516,007	
<u>Cities added in May:</u>		30
Philadelphia, PA	\$23,078,759	
Miami, FL	\$19,146,642	
Boston, MA	\$19,131,723	
Baltimore, MD	\$15,918,745	
Newark, NJ	\$15,054,101	
Detroit, MI	\$13,754,597	
Kansas City, MO	\$13,295,646	
Cincinnati, OH	\$12,751,270	
Phoenix, AZ	\$12,200,204	
Dallas, TX	\$12,198,661	
Long Beach, CA	\$12,136,091	
Pittsburgh, PA	\$11,978,479	
St. Louis, MO	\$10,785,053	
San Diego, CA	\$10,479,947	
Cleveland, OH	10,460,465	

Milwaukee, WI	\$10,177,999
Buffalo, NY	\$10,095,856
Memphis, TN	\$10,067,477
Tampa, FL	\$9,275,359
Denver, CO	\$8,646,361
Portland, OR	\$8,161,143
Sacramento, CA	\$8,024,926
New Orleans, LA	\$7,152,827

Cities added in November:

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Jersey City, NJ	\$17,112,311
Santa Ana, CA	\$15,058,528
Minneapolis, MN	\$12,280,337
Atlanta, GA	\$10,744,248
Las Vegas, NV	\$10,531,025
Anaheim, CA	\$10,345,691
Indianapolis, IN	\$10,151,880
San Jose, CA	\$9,982,442
New Haven, CT	\$9,632,961
Louisville, KY	\$8,987,662
Orlando, FL	\$8,765,211
Columbus, OH	\$8,707,544
Oakland, CA	\$7,854,691
St. Paul, MN	\$7,827,910
Charlotte, NC	\$7,404,955
Baton Rouge, LA	\$7,193,806
Fresno, CA	\$7,076,396
Albany, NY	\$6,853,481
Richmond, VA	\$6,543,378
San Antonio, TX	\$6,301,153

TABLE II: HISTORIC FUNDING AND NEW YORK CITY SHARE

Total National Funding:	Source:	NYC%	NYC Funding:
\$100,000,000	FY '03 appropriations	24.8	\$24,760,000
\$800,000,000	FY '03 supplemental	17.9	\$125,000,000
\$725,000,000	FY '04 appropriations	6.5	\$47,070,000

TABLE III: KEY FINDINGS

- Since April of 2003, the number of cities eligible for high threat terror funds has expanded from 7, to 30 in May, to 50 in November.
- Over the same time frame, total funds available for high threat has dropped from a high of \$800,000,000 (FY '03 appropriations + supplemental) to \$725,000,000 (FY '04 appropriations).
- Since the FY '03 appropriations, NYC's percent share of high threat funds has dropped 18.3%.
- Since FY '03 supplemental, NYC's high threat funding has been cut by \$102,690,000.

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